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Dear Bob:

On reviewing Mr. Gordon's letter to Senator Hayden of 8 August 1963, concerning the CIA Budget, it appears to me that some of the statements in this letter are inconsistent with statements contained in the earlier letter dated 27 April 1963, from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

The letter of 27 April 1963 constituted the first official notification, as far as I am aware, to the Congress of the amount requested for the Central Intelligence Agency for FY 1964. The usual copy of this letter was furnished the Senate Appropriations Committee on 3 May 1963. This letter identified the amount included in the President's Budget for FY 1964 for CIA as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hearings were held on the basis of this letter on June 17th at which the entire CIA Budget was discussed and the requirement for [REDACTED] programs was identified and explained.

This hearing resulted in the decision of the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to communicate authority to the Director, Bureau of the Budget (by letter dated 20 June 1963) for the Central Intelligence Agency to proceed with regular activities on the basis of a joint resolution continuing appropriations and, in addition, "to proceed with the program discussed in the hearing, which contemplates [REDACTED]

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The letter to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations dated 8 August 1963, states that the request included in the President's Budget was [] but that "since the budget was submitted to the Congress, it has been necessary to increase the amount of the request by []. The letter goes on to suggest that "the additional amount being requested be considered when the Senate Committee reviews the total funding requirements of this appropriation".

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We have, of course, advised both the House and the Senate Appropriations Committees of the fact that the [] was added to the CIA Budget after the President's original approval of both the Defense Department and the Central Intelligence Agency Budgets.

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My concern is occasioned by the fact that the letter of 8 August 1963 to the Senate Committee on Appropriations is susceptible to the interpretation that the amount of [] was added on as a new requirement after consideration of the Defense Budget by the Committee on Appropriations of the House. Actually, the House Committee acted in full awareness of the requirement as their authorization to expend up to one third of the total amount requested indicates.

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Sincerely yours,

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